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Petition to the State Health Coordinating Council
Regarding the Merging of Hyde County and Tyrrell County Adult Care Home Beds into a
Combined Service Area
2013 State Medical Facilities Plan

State Health Coordinating Council
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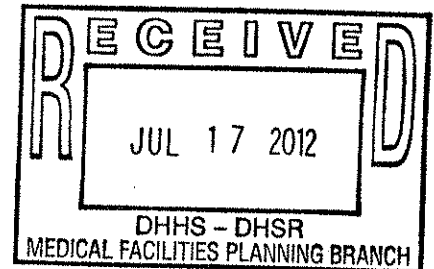
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This petition requests an adjustment to the service areas of Hyde County and Tyrrell County which would combine the two counties into a single service area regarding Adult Care Home Bed Need Determinations in Chapter 11 of the 2013 North Carolina State Medical Facilities Plan.

The petition explains in detail that a problem exists in the current service area configuration and Bed Need Determination which leaves a significant need unmet. To address this problem, the petition requests that the North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council include in the 2013 State Medical Facilities Plan, Chapter 11, an adjusted service area determination, such that the projected 20 beds Need Determination for Tyrrell County and the projected 30 beds Need Determination for Hyde County would be combined in a single 50-bed Need Determination to be located within the combined service area of Hyde County and Tyrrell County. Such a combination would allow an Adult Care Home to be built that would serve the residents of both counties and would be large enough to take advantage of economies of scale and be financially feasible.



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Incidence of Unmet Need

The 30 beds Need Determination for Hyde County and the 20 beds Need Determination for Tyrrell County have been in the State Medical Facilities Plan for many years. This proposal would further some of the most important purposes of the CON statute by targeting this traditionally underserved population (those living in counties with small populations) with a low-cost, effective solution to a challenge in the healthcare system.

Description of Reallocation

The Petition proposes that the 20 beds Need Determination for Tyrrell County and the 30 beds Need Determination for Hyde County and combine them in one location within the two-county service area to create one 50-bed facility. This 50-bed Adult Care Home would have the economies of scale necessary to allow adequate profit margins for the operator, while providing excellent community of care for the facility's residents.

Benefits of Reallocation

As in the petition, the combination of the Hyde County and Tyrrell County Adult Care Home beds would benefit the citizens of both counties by providing an Adult Care Home to serve both counties instead of having the beds continue to remain undeveloped.

If the requested adjustment is not made, the populations of both Hyde and Tyrrell Counties will continue to suffer from the lack of sufficient Adult Care Home beds in their area. These people will be forced to continue to look to Adult Care Homes far away from their communities for care. This situation limits family and community interaction for those displaced by the lack of beds.

CONCLUSION

The citizens of Hyde and Tyrrell Counties have gone a long time with an Adult Care Home bed need that has not been met. Having only a 30-bed and 20-bed allocation, respectively, potential applicants for the beds have been discouraged by the high risk of taking on such a small number of beds. Only by combining them in a single service area can the needs of the populations in both counties be met.

Sincerely,

Chuck White
Director of Facility Services